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1. In the latter part of 1952 a pathological-serological-bacteriological laboratory was established in the Volkspolizei Hospital at Scharnhorstrasse in Berlin-Mitte. A second laboratory of this kind was to be established in early 1953 at the Medical Academy and Hospital of the Volkspolizei (Medizinische Akademie der Volkspolizei und Volkspolizeikrankenhaus) in Bad Saarow near Fuerstenwalde.
2. In July 1953 the State Planning Commission cancelled the plan for the establishment of the second laboratory, allegedly as a result of the "new line" of the East German government. The Administration for Letting Contracts (Verwaltung fuer Auftragserteilung) (VFA) of the Ministry for Interior (formerly Buero fuer wirtschaftsfragen), however, has tried and is still trying to have the State Planning Commission withdraw its cancellation of the project. Major Brussler (fnu) and Oberleutnant Erler (fnu) of VFA are the principal advocates of the establishment of the second laboratory. The case has not yet been finally decided.

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